

We Respond to God's Word

As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving, commitment, and thanksgiving.

Anthem *The 23rd Psalm*
Brandi Lowe, soloist

Albert Malotte

An Affirmation of Faith (*Psalm 23, King James Version*)

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go Out In God's Name

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

◆ **Hymn for Commitment #104** *How Shall I Meet You?*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #623** *I've Got Peace Like a River* (vs. 1)

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)

◆ **Postlude** – Rick Murphy

◆ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

July 16, 2023 7th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed, then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!***

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude – Rick Murphy

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pew.

Greeting & Announcements

◆**Call to Worship** (from *Ecclesiastes 3*)

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and time to pluck up what is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal.

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

For everything there is a season,

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together.

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to seek, and a time to lose.

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew.

A time to listen . . . and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time to peace.

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven.

Now is the time to worship.

Alleluia! Let us sing praises to the LORD!

◆**Hymn of Praise #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Call to Confession

We pause to examine our hearts, our wills, and our motives.

Open our eyes, O Lord.

We pause to examine the sin that warps the systems of which we are a part.

Open our eyes, O Lord, and hear our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, cleanse us from all un-right-ness, and heal us from the idea that we have no un-right-ness. Help us be honest with ourselves, with others, and with you. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. O, Righteous God, hear our prayer. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Alleluia!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering (*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*)

Offertory – Rick Murphy

Response of Gratitude #607 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

We Gather Around God's Holy Word

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,

Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (Repeat)

Scripture *Psalms 23* (Contemporary English Version)

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Tracy Dace & Matt Matthews

This Week

Sunday, July 16

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Rooms 104/105
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy
- 1:00 PM APNC/Parlor & Zom

Monday, July 17

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Tuesday, July 18

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM DREAAM Drumline/Gym

Wednesday, July 19

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 9:15 AM ELL In-Person/CE Bldg.
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Centennial Hall

Thursday, July 20

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 11:00 AM Talk to Me Sign Language Class/Parlor
- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy

Friday, July 21 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, July 22

- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.
- **Today we welcome Tracy Dace**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer for DREAAM (Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males). DREAAM is driven to reach excellence in achievement, engagement, and behavioral and mental health among boys and young men ages 3–24 years old. DREAAM is celebrating eight years of change-making and hope-generating work this summer! Join us after worship for cake, coffee and community in Westminster Hall.
- Thank you to **Rick Murphy** for serving as our pianist this morning.
- DREAAM's **2nd Annual Shoe Giveaway** will be happening on Saturday, August 12. We will be collecting donations through August 5th to bless our DREAAM families with new footwear to start their school year. Visit www.dreaam.org and help the kiddos walk into their academic adventures in comfort.
- The next **Adopt-A-Highway** is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at 8:30 AM. To sign up, look for the person wearing a neon vest at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall during coffee hour or email coletta.ackermann@gmail.com.
- **Rachel and Matt** are teaching a **Covenant Bible Study** for five Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer beginning July 19. Sign up now with a phone call to the church office. More information will be coming, but make plans now for these dinners and deep study.
- **Cool Your Cubes, the July Raindrop project**, focuses on our local mission partner, Salt and Light, whose coolers are aging out. See the bulletin board in Westminster Hall to purchase a frozen rain-drop; yes, an ice cube! Different amounts will help fill the freezer full. Mark your checks/envelopes with *Raindrop*. We will show the amount raised on the thermometer on the outside of the freezer. Let's try to raise \$5000 or even \$10,000 or more for this very important mission partner's need.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- Check out the **book cart** in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some for yourself.
- The **July newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.
- Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at firstpres.church/live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- **Sunday School** for children is on summer break. Children are encouraged to attend church with their families. Childcare on Sunday mornings is provided for children 4 years and younger across the alley.
- **Judi Geistlinger** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy. **Dave Whitford** is preaching in Danville this morning as part of our Amateur Preacher's program.